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## SENATE BILL No. 62

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DIGEST OF SB 62 (Updated January 15, 2003 11:25 AM - DI 104)

**Citations Affected:** Noncode.

**Synopsis:** Commission on abused and neglected children. Establishes a commission on abused and neglected children and their families to develop a plan of services for children at risk of abuse or neglect and for abused or neglected children and their families. Requires a report not later than August 15, 2004. (The introduced version of this bill was prepared by the board for the coordination of child care regulation.)

**Effective:** July 1, 2003.

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### Lawson C, Breaux, Simpson

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January 7, 2003, read first time and referred to Committee on Health and Provider Services.  
January 16, 2003, amended, reported favorably — Do Pass.

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First Regular Session 113th General Assembly (2003)

PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2002 Regular or Special Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT concerning human services.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1 SECTION 1. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2003] (a) As used in this  
2 SECTION, "commission" refers to the commission on abused and  
3 neglected children and their families established by subsection (b).

4 (b) The commission on abused and neglected children and their  
5 families is established to develop and present an implementation  
6 plan for a continuum of services for children at risk of abuse or  
7 neglect and children who have been abused or neglected and their  
8 families.

9 (c) The commission consists of the following members appointed  
10 not later than August 15, 2003:

11 (1) Twenty-two (22) members appointed by the governor:

12 (A) One (1) prosecuting attorney or a deputy prosecuting  
13 attorney.

14 (B) One (1) attorney who specializes in juvenile law.

15 (C) One (1) representative from law enforcement.

16 (D) Two (2) children's advocates.

17 (E) One (1) guardian ad litem or court appointed special  
18 advocate.

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- 1 (F) One (1) juvenile court judge.  
 2 (G) One (1) public agency children's services caseworker.  
 3 (H) One (1) private agency children's services caseworker.  
 4 (I) One (1) representative from the division of family and  
 5 children.  
 6 (J) One (1) counselor or social worker from Indiana's "at  
 7 risk" school program.  
 8 (K) One (1) pediatrician.  
 9 (L) One (1) medical social worker.  
 10 (M) Two (2) faculty members, including:  
 11 (i) one (1) faculty member from an Indiana accredited  
 12 graduate school of social work who shall serve as the  
 13 chairperson of the commission; and  
 14 (ii) one (1) faculty member from an Indiana accredited  
 15 undergraduate school of social work.  
 16 (N) One (1) county director to be appointed from the  
 17 Indiana State Association of County Welfare  
 18 Administrators.  
 19 (O) One (1) foster parent who is a member of a foster  
 20 advocacy organization.  
 21 (P) One (1) adoptive parent who is a member of an  
 22 adoptive parent advocacy organization.  
 23 (Q) One (1) nonprofit family services agency provider.  
 24 (R) One (1) representative of child caring institution  
 25 providers.  
 26 (S) One (1) psychologist who works with abused and  
 27 neglected children.  
 28 (T) One (1) individual who has experience and training in  
 29 juvenile fire setting identification and intervention.  
 30 (2) Two (2) nonvoting members of the house of  
 31 representatives, not more than one (1) of whom may be from  
 32 one (1) political party, appointed by the speaker of the house  
 33 of representatives.  
 34 (3) Two (2) nonvoting members of the senate, not more than  
 35 one (1) of whom may represent one (1) political party,  
 36 appointed by the president pro tempore of the senate.  
 37 Vacancies shall be filled by the appointing authority for the  
 38 remainder of the unexpired term.  
 39 (d) Each member of the commission shall have an interest or  
 40 experience in improving the quality of services provided to  
 41 children at risk of abuse or neglect and abused or neglected  
 42 children and their families in Indiana.



1 (e) A majority of the voting members of the commission  
2 constitutes a quorum.

3 (f) The Indiana accredited graduate school of social work  
4 represented by the chairperson of the commission shall staff the  
5 commission.

6 (g) The commission shall meet at the call of the chairperson and  
7 shall meet as often as necessary to carry out the purpose of this  
8 SECTION.

9 (h) The expenses of administering the commission shall be paid  
10 from the resources of the Indiana accredited graduate school of  
11 social work represented by the chairperson of the commission.  
12 Expenses under this subsection include the following:

13 (1) Photocopying and printing costs.

14 (2) Costs of supplies.

15 (i) Members of the commission are not entitled to a salary per  
16 diem or reimbursement of expenses for service on the commission.

17 (j) The commission's responsibilities include the following:

18 (1) Reviewing Indiana's public and private family services  
19 delivery system for children at risk of abuse or neglect and for  
20 children who have been reported as suspected victims of child  
21 abuse or neglect.

22 (2) Reviewing federal, state, and local funds appropriated to  
23 meet the service needs of children and their families.

24 (3) Reviewing current best practices standards for the  
25 provision of child and family services.

26 (4) Examining the qualifications and training of service  
27 providers, including foster parents, adoptive parents, child  
28 caring institution staff, child placing agency staff, case  
29 managers, supervisors, and administrators, and making  
30 recommendations for a training curriculum and other  
31 necessary changes.

32 (5) Recommending methods to improve use of available public  
33 and private funds to address the service needs described in  
34 subdivision (1).

35 (6) Providing information concerning identified unmet needs  
36 of children and families and providing recommendations  
37 concerning the development of resources to meet the  
38 identified needs.

39 (7) Suggesting policy, program, and legislative changes  
40 related to the family services described in subdivision (1) to  
41 accomplish the following:

42 (A) Enhancement of the quality of the services.



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- 1           **(B) Identification of potential resources to promote change**  
2           **to enhance the services.**  
3           **(8) Preparing a report consisting of the commission's findings**  
4           **and recommendations, and the presentation of the**  
5           **implementation plan for a continuum of services for children**  
6           **at risk of abuse or neglect and for abused or neglected**  
7           **children and their families specified under subsection (b).**  
8           **(k) In carrying out the commission's responsibilities, the**  
9           **commission shall consider pertinent studies on children at risk of**  
10          **abuse or neglect and on abused or neglected children and their**  
11          **families.**  
12          **(l) The affirmative votes of a majority of the commission's**  
13          **voting members are required for the commission to take action on**  
14          **any measure, including recommendations included in the report**  
15          **required under subsection (j)(8).**  
16          **(m) The commission shall submit the report required under**  
17          **subsection (j)(8) to the governor, the legislative council, and the**  
18          **board for the coordination of child care regulation established by**  
19          **IC 12-17.2-3.1-1 not later than August 15, 2004. The report must**  
20          **be available to the public upon request not later than December 31,**  
21          **2004.**  
22          **(n) This SECTION expires December 31, 2004.**

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SENATE MOTION

Mr. President: I move that Senator Breaux be added as coauthor of Senate Bill 62.

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SENATE MOTION

Mr. President: I move that Senator Simpson be added as coauthor of Senate Bill 62.

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## COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. President: The Senate Committee on Health and Provider Services, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 62, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill be AMENDED as follows:

Page 2, line 9, delete "licensed" and insert "**medical**".

Page 3, line 15, delete "Each member of the commission who is not a state employee" and insert "**Members of the commission are not entitled to a salary per diem or reimbursement of expenses for service on the commission.**".

Page 3, delete lines 16 through 36.

Page 3, line 37, delete "(l)" and insert "**(j)**".

Page 4, line 28, delete "(m)" and insert "**(k)**".

Page 4, line 32, delete "(n)" and insert "**(l)**".

Page 4, line 32, delete "of a quorum".

Page 4, line 35, delete "(l)(8)" and insert "**(j)(8)**".

Page 4, line 36, delete "(o)" and insert "**(m)**".

Page 4, line 37, delete "(l)(8)" and insert "**(j)(8)**".

Page 4, line 42, delete "(p)" and insert "**(n)**".

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to SB 62 as introduced.)

MILLER, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 11, Nays 0.

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